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Note by the Director-General

1. Paragraph (k) of decision GC.6/Dec.11 concerning the programme and budgets, 1996-1997, requested the Director-General to report on elements of that decision on a regular basis to the policy-making organs. Updated information on those elements is brought to the attention of the policy-making organs as outlined in the following paragraphs.

In-depth examination of the revised programme and budgets, 1996-1997 (para. (g))*

2. Document IDB.15/5-PBC/AS.3/5 contained a report on the implementation of the programme and budgets, 1 January to 31 March 1996. Updated information on financial implementation of the programme and budgets as of 31 August 1996 is provided in the report on the financial situation of UNIDO (IDB.16/7-PBC.12/7).

3. Following its consideration of document IDB.15/5-PBC/AS.3/5, the Board in its decision IDB.15/Dec.3 requested the Director-General to organize informal intersessional consultations with delegations, under the guidance of the Chairman of the Programme and Budget Committee, with a view to conducting an in-depth examination of the programmatic contents of the revised programme and budgets for the biennium 1996-1997. A report on those meetings is contained in a document submitted by the Chairman of the Committee (IDB.16/22-PBC.12/12).

Ceiling of assessments (para. (h))

4. Following consideration by the Programme and Budget Committee of the report prepared by the Secretariat containing background information on the ceiling of assessments (IDB.15/2-PBC/AS.3/2), the Board in decision IDB.15/Dec.5 requested the Director-General to monitor closely developments in the United Nations dealing with the scale of assessments and to update the background information on the ceiling of assessments with respect to new developments in the United Nations. The scale of assessments is expected to be discussed by the General Assembly at the end of December 1996.

Composition of the Secretariat (para. (i))

5. Information on the composition of the Secretariat is contained in document IDB.16/17 on personnel matters.

*Paragraph references refer to paragraphs in decision GC.6/Dec.11.

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